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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC PLANS FOR EARTH SATELLITE STATION

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1. ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON WITH A VIEW TO HAVING A GROUND STATION ON LINE BY 1979. NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH GREAT NORDIC (SCANDINAVIAN) TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ICELAND'S CONTRACT WITH GREAT NORDIC RUNS TILL 1980 AND THEREFORE ANY PLANS FOR A GROUND STATION IN LIEU OF PRESENT CABLE LINKS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THAT COMPANY INTO CONSIDERATION. ACCORDING TO THE GOI ANNOUNCEMENT, AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED UPON A "FEW MATTERS, EG THAT ICELAND SHALL OWN A MAJORITY SHARE IN THE EARTH STATION, AND SHALL BE SOLE OWNER AFTER A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS."

3. CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE FACILITY IS ESTIMATED AT 800 MILLION KRONUR (\$4.5 MILLION). USES FOR THE STATION WOULD INCLUDE TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, TELEX
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